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**CLOSURE DEVICE** 

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Sir:

| Tra | nsmitted herewith is a response to an office action in the subject application.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|     | Small entity status is claimed for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|     | Petition for an extension of time for the period noted below, as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|     | Other:   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|                                      |   |           |   |                            | SMALL     | ENTITY                 | OTHER THA | AN A SMALL             |
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| TIME EXTENSION PETITION FEE          |   |           | none  |                            | \$ 0.00   |                        | (\$0.00)  |                        |
|                                      | subtract time extension fee previously paid |           | none  |                            | (\$ 0.00) |                        | (\$ 0.00) |                        |
| CLAIM FEE                            | CLAIMS<br>REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT   |           | HIGHEST<br>NUMBER<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR | EXTRA<br>CLAIMS<br>PRESENT | RATE      | Addit.<br>Claim<br>Fee | RATE      | ADDIT.<br>CLAIM<br>FEE |
| TOTAL                                | 30  | Minus     | 30  | =0                         | x 9=      | \$                     | x 18=     | \$0                    |
| INDEPENDENT                          | 2   | Minus     | 3   | =0                         | x 43=     | \$                     | x 86=     | \$0                    |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE CLAIM |   |           |   | + 145=                     | \$        | + 290=                 | \$        |                        |
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-1216.

Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 25, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

| CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.10  |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| I hereby certify that this Response to Office Action and all accompanying documents are being deposited with the United States Post Service on August 25, 2004, in an envelope as "EXPRESS MAIL POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE" service under 37 CFR 1.10, M Label Number EV 419249042 US, addressed to: Mail Stop , Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-14 |                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Signature   | August 25, 2004 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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